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Cold Storage Factory at Kozhikode.

* 728 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of the Ice-Making, Quick-Freezing and Cold Storage Factory at Kozhikode has been completed ;

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposal to lease it out to private firms ; and

(*c*) if not, when the Government propose to start work in the different departments of the factory?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answers are in the affirmative.

" (*c*) The Government have, however, sanctioned the trial production run of the Kozhikode plant departmentally pending the leasing out of the plant to private parties."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact that the storage section of the factory is not working to its full capacity for want of sufficient supply of fish? If so, will the Government see that deep-sea fishing is introduced in Malabar so that sufficient supply of fish may be made and the storage section of the factory may work to its full capacity? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall examine all that is suggested by the hon. Member."

Manjeri Government Hospital.

12 noon * 729 *Q.*—SRI M. CHADAYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of patients admitted from 31st March 1953 to 31st March 1954 into the Manjeri Government Hospital in Ernad taluk ;

(*b*) the number of beds available in the hospital;

(*c*) the number of patients allowed to lie in the veranda without beds ; and

(*d*) whether any action has been taken on the memorandum submitted by the public in regard to certain inconveniences such as shortage of staff and of medicines supplied in the hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 3,584, Sir.

" (*b*) 45, Sir.

" (*c*) 105, Sir.

" (*d*) Proposals for increasing the bed-strength of the hospital and for the employment of additional staff are under consideration. There is no scarcity of medicines in the hospital."